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SUBJECT: GOA WHITE PAPER ON SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA - GENERAL
VIDELA'S PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 19

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH MILGP ADVANCE COPY (IN SPANISH) OF 60-PAGE ARGENTINE ARMY WHITE PAPER ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION ON SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA," DATED APRIL 19, WHICH APPARENTLY IS TO BE BASIS OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 1900 HOURS APRIL 19. BOOKLET CONTAINS AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE, INCLUDING INTRODUCTION BY VIDELA, EXPOSITION ON BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, EXPOSITION ON TUCUMAN ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS BY MILITARY OPERATIONS OFFICER, AND FINAL WORDS BY VIDELA. AGENDA CALLS FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS--WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN BOOK ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE. A NUMBER OF CAPTURED MONTONERO DOCUMENTS ON ORGANIZATION, BUDGET, POLICY DATING 1974 TO 1976 ARE INCLUDED IN ANNEX.

2. QUICK READING OF WHITE PAPER INDICATES THAT IT IS LIMITED TO HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT OF SUBVERSION OF MONTONEROS, ERP AND SIMILAR GROUPS IN ARGENTINA, THEIR LINKS TO INTERNATIONAL MARXISM, AND THEIR POLICIES AND TACTICS. ARMY CLAIMS IT HAS
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LARGELY CONTROLLED VIOLENT SUBVERSION, AND DISCUSSES ATTEMPTS OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION "IN RESISTANCE" (GCT-R) AND ARGENTINE COMMISSION HUMAN RIGHTS (CADHU) TO DAMAGE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. VIDELA ENDS WITH CALL FOR SOLIDARITY AMONG ARGENTINES AND RESISTANCE TO SUBVERSION. WE SEE NO APPARENT SURPRISES IN PAPER OR DETAILS OF WHICH WE AT LEAST WERE NOT ALREADY AWARE. THERE IS NO RPT NO MENTION IN PAPER OF

CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS IN GENERAL OR OF GRAIVER CASE IN PARTICULAR.

3. COMMENT: THE WHITE PAPER ALONE IS OF LITTLE REAL INTEREST; IT IS CLEARLY AN ATTEMPT TO DOCUMENT SYSTEMATICALLY GOA CLAIM THAT ORGANIZED AND INTERNATIONALLY SUPPORTED SUBVERSION WAS AND IS DANGER TO ARGENTINA. UNLESS GRAIVER CASE IS DISCUSSED, EAGERLY-AWAITED PRESS CONFERENCE IS GOING TO BE A DISAPPOINTMENT. OBVIOUSLY INTEREST WILL FOCUS ON QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD; ONE NEWSPAPER, CLARIN, SAID APRIL 19 THAT ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. VIOLA WILL DISCUSS LINKS BETWEEN GRAIVER FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND SUBVERSION DURING CONFERENCE.

4. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN LOCAL CIRCLES THAT VIDELA HAS BEEN PUSHED INTO HOLDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY ACTIONS OF FIRST CORPS ON GRAIVER CASE, AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT RELEASING REPORT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME WAS AFFECTED BY NEED TO ESTABLISH HIS DOMINATION OVER SITUATION. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT WHITE PAPER HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR SOME TIME.

5. AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AT PRESS CONFERENCE, WE WILL REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

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